

REMARKS

Claims 15-41 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-14 are cancelled, claim 15 is amended and claims 25-41 are added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge the Office Action's indication that claims 15-24 contain allowable subject matter. However, for at least the reasons set forth above Applicants respectfully submit all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

A. The Office Action objects to claim 15 for informalities. Applicants respectfully submit the above amendments obviate the grounds for the objection. Withdrawal of the objection to claim 15 is respectfully requested.

B. Claims 25-41 are newly added by this Amendment and believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Carl R. Wesolowski, at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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